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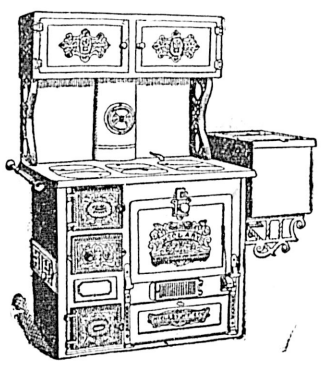

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AT 11 A.M.

I am instructed by Mr. R. B. Esnouf, who is leaving the city, to sell his well-assorted stock of furniture, crockery, hardware, stoves, etc., consisting of general assortment of furniture, show cases, hall racks, engravings, oil paintings, carpets, rugs stoves, fancy cane chairs and rockers, crockery, glassware, hanging lamps, etc., etc; also a shoemakers' or saddlers' sewing machine.

G. BYRNES, Auctioneer.

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AUCTION

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City Hall, Victoria, B.C., March 25, 1897. mr26

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WORK OF THE SESSION.

Important Ministerial Measures Foreshadowed In the Speech From the Throne.

The Commons of Canada Opened With Customary and Appropriate Ceremony.

OTTAWA, March 25.—The session of the Dominion Commons was formally opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when a large number of people witnessed the customary and imposing ceremonies. His Excellency in the speech from the throne said:

"*Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

"In welcoming you on your attendance at the second session of this parliament I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidence which prevails throughout the Dominion of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen, and of their desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the empire in celebrating the diamond jubilee in a manner worthy of that joyous event; and I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial government arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the capital of the Empire.

"Immediately after the last session the government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my ministers on the subject of grievances arising out of an act of that province relating to education, passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation, three members of the Manitoba government came to Ottawa, and after many and protracted discussions a settlement was reached between the two governments which was the best arrangement to be had under the existing conditions of this disturbance. I confidently hope that this settlement will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment of one another, mutual concession and reciprocal good will.

"A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff which, it is believed, will provide the necessary revenue, and, while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our fiscal system more satisfactory to the masses of the people.

"You will be asked to give your support to a bill abolishing the present expensive and unsatisfactory franchise act and adopting for the election of members of the House of Commons the franchises of the several provinces.

"My government has determined that the advantages to accrue both to our Western producers and the business interests of the whole Dominion from the completion of works for the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals should no longer be deferred, and has, subject to the approval of parliament, taken the initial step for a vigorous prosecution of these works and for the perfecting of the canal system by the close of the year 1898.

"I have much satisfaction in informing you that arrangements have been concluded which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial railway system to reach Montreal, and thus share in the large traffic. The advantages which will flow from this extension of that railway are apparent, and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal.

"Appreciating the difficulties encountered by our farmers in placing their perishable food products on the English markets in good condition, my government has arranged a complete system of cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports and on steamers, by which these products can be preserved at the desired temperature during the whole journey from the point of production to Great Britain. The contract made for this purpose will be laid before you.

"It is desirable that the will of the people of Canada should be clearly ascertained on the subject of prohibition, and a measure enabling the electors to vote upon the question will be submitted for your approval.

"The Behring sea claims convention, constituted during the past year to adjust the damages payable to the owners of the British sealing vessels seized by cruisers of the United States on the high seas, has completed taking the evidence submitted to it by the respective governments of Her Majesty and the United States, and has adjourned for a time to hear the argument thereon on behalf of both governments. I indulge the hope that a final and satisfactory adjudication of this long-delayed claim will now speedily be reached.

"The calamity which has befallen our fellow-subjects in India has evoked a widespread sympathy in this country. The generous manner in which the appeal for practical tokens of this feeling has been responded to has elicited warm assurances of grateful acknowlekgment from the government of India, which have also been specially and heartily endorsed by the Imperial authorities.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the coming year will be presented at an early day. They have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the consolidated revenue. The proposed revision of the tariff and the application of strict economy in the administration of government will, I trust, restore this equilibrium between income and expenditure.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Among the bills which have been prepared and will be submitted for your approval are bills amending the superannuation act and civil service act. These and other measures I commend to your consideration, and express the hope that your deliberations, under the divine guidance, will tend to increase the happiness and prosperity of every class in the Dominion."

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

Personal Gossip of Men Who Are Notable in the World's Affairs.

Mr. Gladstone is now very deaf, but in spite of increasing decrepitude he dresses as jauntily as of yore, is never seen without a flower in his coat, and can hurl defiance at the "great assassin" as forcefully as if he was forty years younger. A woman who saw the right honorable gentleman as he was departing for Cannes not many weeks ago writes that he reminded her of an ancient oak tree with a pink blossoming on its hoary trunk.

As a school boy the late Professor Henry Drummond was fonder of games than of books, but was always interested in flowers and natural objects, and was noted for his love of fun.

The Grand Duke Paul of Russia is so tall that no hotel bed is long enough for his comfort, and he has one built in sections, which he carries with his luggage everywhere. The bed is put up by a special mechanic, under the superintendence of the royal valet, wherever the grand duke goes.

Since the death of Baron Hirsch his widow has been making lavish gifts to various charities in France, England and Austria. Besides the 2,000,000 francs which she has given for the building of a laboratory for the Pasteur institute, she has recently given 2,000,000 francs for the pension fund of the Oriental railroads, in building which Baron Hirsch laid the foundation of his colossal fortune. Besides this, she has given 1,000,000 francs for the foundation of a hospital in London, and several beneficent institutions in Paris have just received large sums from her. It is estimated that within the last two months Baroness Hirsch has distributed 12,000,000 francs in charity.

One fact for which admiration of Queen Victoria will be claimed at the approaching celebration of her "longest reign" is the great reduction in England's national debt that has taken place since she came to the throne. Just what part she and her numerous family had in bringing about this decrease in the public burden it must be left to the devoted supporters of monarchical institutions to define, but the figures are sufficiently stupendous to give them interest for their own sake. In the year of the Queen's accession, the national debt amounted to £850,132,783, while last year it had been reduced to £648,474,143, an average annual decreased of about £6,250,000. During the sixty years the aggregate increase in the debt has amounted to £177,573,332, the chief items in this sum being £67,000,000 for wars, great and small; £63,000,000 for local loans, the purchase of Suez canal shares, and loans made to India and the Cape of Good Hope, and £42,000,000 for conversions and redemptions. As against this total increase in the debt, however, the decrease amounts to £379,231,972, representing a reduction of £201,658,640. This is all very gratifying, no doubt, but to ordinary mortals the difference between owing £850,132,783 and £648,474,143 is almost inappreciable.

HOWARD FRACTION GROUP.

Herbert Cuthbert's Company Has Secured Control—A Fine Property.

One of the pioneer properties at the foot of Slocan lake changed hands to-day. The Howard Fraction group of five claims is one of the earlier locations in the Springer and Lemon creek camps, and is perhaps the largest shipper from that comparatively new district. The claims were located in July, 1895, by W. L. Price and others, and such was the faith of these men that although the whole of them interested, about seven, had not perhaps $25 amongst them in ready cash they built themselves cabins, blacksmith shops and other necessary buildings and carried on development in an energetic manner, with the result that in a comparatively short time they have placed it on a self-sustaining basis and done a whole lot of useful development work. They have about 300 feet of tunnel and drift work from which their shipments have been made. The last two shipments of 22 tons yielded $121 and $144 per ton net. A praiseworthy feature is that scarcely one owner parted with his interest until the whole of them made their present deal with the British Canadian Gold Fields Company.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, the western manager of the latter company, who engineered the deal, in conversation to-night, said that the property would be formed into a separate company for the convenience of all parties cencerned, as the original owners have sufficient confidence in it to retain an interest. In reply to a question as to whether the company would do any work immediately, he stated that the foreman had authority to place as many men on it at once as can be worked to advantage at this time of the year, which would probably be from 10 to 16. Work will be commenced within three days and another shipment will be made within a month.

It was a very significant fact that this was the only dry ore property in this section, examined by Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, and it finds a conspicuous place in his report.—New Denver correspondence of the Rossland Daily Miner.

A Point to Remember.

If you wish to purify your blood you should take a medicine which cures blood diseases. The record of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla proves that this is the best medicine for the blood ever produced. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases and it is the medicine for you to take if your blood is impure.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

A HATTER'S HOLIDAY.

Old Boreas Takes a Hand In the Modern Game of Record Making,

And Victorians Are Treated to a Memorable Sample of a Mid-March Day.

Just a little dash of rain and a sprinkling of snow, with ten minutes of hail for variety and even a flavoring of earthquake. Add to this wind without limit, and you have a recipe for a mid-March day as illustrated to Victorians yesterday.

Boreas had joined the army of record makers, and according to the reports from the meterological office succeeded in placing a new 72 mile mark to his credit during the afternoon, which certainly is championship time.

And yet nobody appreciated the efforts of the emulative wind to entertain—no one applauded the record breaking, though none disputed it. Perhaps this was because no one had time for aught save care of self. If one's business engagements were with the wind, all was well—it was only a case of weigh anchor and accept pacing to the desired destination. If the engagement was in a contrary direction, why to-morrow would do just as well—it wasn't anything important anyway.

Fortunately Victoria is a solid city, literally as well as metaphorically, and so the majority dismissed from mind all fears of impending disaster, and gave themselves up to enjoyment of the wind's high carnival.

Those who were on the streets did not get the same pleasure in the frolic of the storm as did those behind doors or windows. For some reason or other a person cannot appreciate the excitement of the race for the elusive hat without an owner enclosed, when that hat is one's own—and the contemplation of shivering signs and swaying poles is not so satisfactory when there is danger of descending bricks. Such a day as yesterday is enough to delight the heart of the hatter, the carpenter, the bricklayer and the roof repairer.

It would be interesting to know just how many hats succeeded in eluding pursuing owners, or what the owners said under their breath in reply to their friend's inquiries as to why they were going home bareheaded. Sam Matson held there was no use putting on a hat to go from the office to the post; George Powell explains that medical science has determined the wearing of a hat to be conducive to rheumatism; and there are half a dozen of the sports who are satisfied to let their friends believe that they wore their's out in describing just how Corbett would do the trick.

But the ungallant wind would not be satisfied with offerings of hats, nor would it respect the feelings of its victims. Over on Douglas street it whisked off a lady's headgear as it raced by, and then, before she could decide whether to give chase or to call a policeman—her hair followed the hat. And those who watched the combination effect from neighboring windows were mean enough to laugh. The brutes!

A little innocent keg marked on one end with numerous X's was, when the blow began, seated quietly and contentedly outside the Osborne house. Before the storm was half over some had started it on an errand of mischief, and when the owner later in the evening went prospecting for his property, he found it indiscreetly occupying a position of prominence just outside the Temperance hall. It isn't there now, for its reformation was short lived.

But the "Hello" girl at central had the greatest fun of all—or would have had if only she had had time to appreciate the humor of the situation. At about 4 o'clock a Government street business man rang up the legislative assembly to learn if the house was likely to remain in committee long. The telephone was answered by some one who said, "I'll find out." Then he waited, and this is what he was told:

"Can't possibly get 'em before Monday——

"And will that be all——

"—start for Kootenay as soon——

"— keep me waiting all night——

"— some one else'll have to——

"Oh charge him with being dr——

"if you go, I'll go but I don't——

"What's the matter with your telephones anyway?"

"And as he thought the same the man who was waiting concluded it would be better after all to trust to the winged-footed messenger.

The only incidents reported approaching seriousness in their consequences concerned Mr. Butler of the government printing office, and a lady whose name is not known but whose baby in its perambulator was carried away by the section of the gale patrolling Government street. In pursuing her fast-flying offspring, whose infantile complaint was only heard at intervals in the greater squall, she slipped and sprained her ankle badly. The baby was brought to anchor without mishap.

One of the serious incidents of the storm was an accident at the new government buildings that nearly created a vacancy in the position now so efficiently held by Mr. R. Butler, as foreman of the government printing office. The wind howled and blew at a tremendous rate, beating furiously against the south side of the buildings, making doors and windows rattle at a lively rate. At the height of the storm one more violent gust proved too much for one of the huge leaded windows that light the entrance hall of the printing office wing. Mr. Butler was going down stairs from the second floor when suddenly the huge glass, sash and all, was loosened from the wall and fell inwards, the wooden sash striking Mr. Butler on the head and

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BY RAIL THRO' SIBERIA.

Russia's Strategic Highway to the Pacific Progresses Rapidly Toward Completion.

Increased Speed to Be Attained—The Primary Object Military Expediency.

Newspaper accounts from Russian sources furnish information regarding the progress made with the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The line is being constructed in sections simultaneously, and the first, at the European end is completed, so that it is possible to travel direct from St. Petersburg to Omsk, a distance of 2,673 miles. "On the next section of the line that from Omsk to the Obi river, 384 miles in length, the rails are laid the whole distance, but the earthworks are not complete. On the next section, that from the Obi river to Krasnoyarsk, 467 miles, the rails are also laid and a beginning has been made of the iron bridge, nearly half a mile long, across the Obi that is to join the two sections. On this section many of the smaller bridges are built and half the earthworks are completed. The next section is to Irkutsk, a distance of 672 miles, and it presents many difficulties, the most important of which, however, have been overcome. Nearly two-fifths of the earthworks are finished. Beyond lake Baikal the distance to the head of the Arneer navigation is 701 miles, and in this section work has been begun from the Pacific end; but the difficulties are very great and much tunnelling will have to be done, as the line has to rise to a plateau over 3,500 feet high. The next section, however, presents the greatest difficulties, as the line has to be carried through a marshy region which, during the heavy rains, is often completely submerged. The line from Vladivostock is completed for 250 miles; but there can be little doubt that Russia is aiming at a post on the Pacific coast which will be open the whole year through, so that her forces may always be at her command. How this is to be obtained is one of the problems in the far East, and its solution may be more difficult than the building of the Trams-Siberian Railway."

The Edinburgh Scotsmen says: The war between Japan and China and the financial arrangements with China which have followed have given the Russian government and the contractors a powerful impulse. In anticipation of the opening of new sections, the zone system of tickets has lately been adopted in Russia for all distances over 300 versts, or 200 miles. In this way it should cost under £5 to travel from Moscow to the Pacific third class. The present slow rate of travel is to be increased by ten miles an hour on both ordinary and express trains raising the latter to forty miles an hour. Moscow, which is now only sixty hours from London, will be thus nine and a half days from Vladivostock. The railway will revolutionize the routes to China and Japan, and greatly shorten the journey round the world by Canada and the Pacific ocean. Connected with the main project are more important political plans believed to be the subject of negotiations with the Pekin authorities. Such are the opening of the Sungari navigation from its source in the heart of Manchuria to its conduence with the Amoor, and a branch railway following the line of that river to an outlet on the Yellow sea not far from Pekin. A vast territory rich in coal and minerals will thus be opened up, and Northern Manchuria must ultimately fall to Russia. As to Corea, its fate will lie between Russia and Japan."

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Ostasiatische Lloyd gives the following account of the promised effects upon the travel between the far East and Europe by the Siberian Railway.

"The Siberian line from Cheliabinsk, the western terminus, to Vladivostock will have a length of 7,152 versts. The direction to which the branch to the Yellow sea will take is not definitely decided upon but the total distance from Cheliabinsk to the Yellow sea will be shorter than to Vladivostock. The journey from Vladivostock to Moscow cost by third class 90,60 marks, by second class 135,90 marks and by first class 265,50 marks. If we reckon 30 versts per hour the journey from Vladivostock to Moscow will take 303 hours, or 12 days and 15 hours, and as the express trains run 40 versts only 9 days 11 hours. With an eventual speed of 50 versts per hour the trip will take only 7 days and 14 hours. The tickets from Vladivostock to Moscow hold good for 25 days, and in consequence the journey can so far be made ad libitum. If we compare these charges and length of time with the higherto exclusively employed steamer routes from Western Europe to Eastern Asia via Seuz Canal, or across the Atlantic ocean, on the American Pacific railway lines and the Pacific ocean the enormous advantages of the Siberian line become evident. The quickest possible trip from London to Yokohama via Brindisi, and from there by steamer throug the Seuz canal round Southern Asia, takes at least 30 days; in 10 days less Yokohama can be reached across the Atlantic ocean eight days to Quebec by the Canadian Pacific line 6 days and the Pacific ocean 14 days, or in all 28 days. From Bremerhaven to Shanghai takes at least 47 days, and from Marseilles to Yokohama 40 days. Time is furthermore lost by the fact that the steamers only run at certain intervals, while the railway trains start every day. Bremerhaven to Shanghai costs by first class 1,570 marks, second class 960, and third class 449 marks Marseilles to Yokohama first class 1,476 marks, and second class 600 marks. The Siberian Railway will therefore on account of speed and cheapness become of enormous importance, and the fact that Russia exclusively rules this grand route of communication will be of incalculable political significance."

"Success is the reward of merit" not of assumption. Popular appreciation is what tells in the long run. For fifty years, people have been using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to-day it is the blood-purifier most in favor with the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures.

HELP YOURSELF.

Help yourself, but not by grasping
All that's good, for selfish gain.
Gather what the passing moments
Bring in reach of hand and brain;
So that, with a purpose noble,
You may hold, for others good,
That which helps a poorer brother
Who may stand where you have stood.

Help yourself, but not to honors
That another fairly won;
Neither join the victors only
When the hard-fought battle's done;
For the bravest do not carry
Standards from the field of fight,
But into the trying conflict,
Bearing this; "For God and Right."

Help yourself, but not by casting
Down some noble, struggling soul,
Who has not your strength or prestige,
Battling for a longed-for goal.
God, and godlike men, will honor
Every aid to virtue given;
Help yourself by helping others,
Earning the "Well done" from heaven.

—C. H. Anders, in the Baltimore American.

THE TROLLEY AND THE PYRAMIDS.

(From the Cairo (Egypt) Sphinx.)

Trams! Trams! Trams! Three piasters to the Great Pyramid! What a desecration! There is something stupendous and grandiose about that hoary monument of antiquity in its loneliness, hallowed by the past centuries, at once a puzzle and an awe in its magnificent solitude. Now there is to be an electric tram from Kasr-el-Nil bridge to the pyramid. The modern spirit of innovation cares nothing for the solemnity or solitude, and nothing for the fitness of things. Next, there will be a restaurant on the top of that giant pile, and a hydraulic lift to carry one to the top. The times are indeed changed, and we with them. "Drink Cheops bitters." "Pyramid beer is the best." "After visiting Chufu's tomb take Parasyncraterkolopoulo's brandy." These and others will greet the eyes of visitors to the pyramid next year. The fates forefend and may the Society for the Preservation of Egyptian Antiquities forbid. O Cairenes, if you wish to disgust the best class of visitors, you are going the right way to do it.

X RAYS AND DIAMONDS.

One excellent use to which the new X rays can be put should interest women. It seems that by their aid one can readily determine whether diamonds are real or false, for the rays pass quite through real diamonds, leaving them transparent, and not at all through false ones. A real parure when photographed would show only the mounting, but in a false one all the stones would turn out black. Strangely enough, the X rays will not penetrate glass. Eye-glasses, if photographed, come out black. This proved useful in the case of a Vienna glass-worker, who got a bit of glass into his finger. By the aid of the rays it was discovered, extracted and the workman cured.

AN INDESCRIBABLE SENSATION.

To be easily described a thing must have clear outlines and unmixed colours. In other words it must be simple. A rent in one's clothing, a boil on one's body, a tumble while walking, the shape of a box, etc., are easily set forth in words. On the contrary the complex and comprehensive things puzzle the mind and take the meaning from language.

It was for this reason that Miss Sabina Mitchell, alluding to an experience of illness, says "at this time there came upon me an *indescribable* sensation. It was as if the powers of life were going to fail me, and I should sink down without help as a stone sinks in water. Yet in saying this I convey no adequate idea of the nature of that feeling. I hope I shall never have it again.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Trapping Privileges Besought For Yet Another Season—That Central American Service.

Progress of the Timber Commission --The Belle and the Bicycle.

VANCOUVER, March 25.—(Special)—A joint resolution from the council and the board of trade was wired to Ottawa to-day, to the effect that "This board by resolution urges upon the government that licenses for trapping at Boundary Bay be issued for the present season, large sums of money having been expended by the canners in preparing for the season's catch which cannot otherwise be recovered." Another resolution was to the effect that the board considered that the establishment of a line of steamers between British Columbia and Central and South America would be of considerable benefit to this province, and the Dominion generally, and merits the serious consideration and assistance of the Dominion government, that the Minister of Trade and Commerce be notified to this effect. Still another resolution was, that under the present conditions of the lumber trade in British Columbia, "this board is of the opinion that the rebate of 40 cents per thousand at the present time allowed on all lumber cut from off Dominion lands and exported from the province should be continued, and that as the United States government proposes to impose a duty on Canadian lumber, we would recommend that a duty of exactly the same amount should be imposed upon all sawn lumber coming into Canada from the United States."

Peter Arattent, otherwise known as Bariboo Pete or French Pete, died last evening. He was a veteran of '58, during which eventful year he visited Cariboo. While working as miner and prospector some years ago he lost his eyesight and in addition was afflicted with rheumatism. Some time ago he obtained admission to the city hospital, where his constant suffering was ameliorated and his life prolonged until last evening.

A. H. King, some time secretary for the Y.M.C.A. here, has returned to his home in Toronto.

A young lady was run into by a wheelman on Granville street yesterday and knocked down. The rider had no bell on his bicycle.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, March 25.—(Special)—At yesterday's session of the crown timber commission, J. G. Scott, representing the Pacific Coast company, deposed that the company had no permit or license from the Dominion. He did not require the loggers' proof of timber being legally cut; he always referred settlers to the crown agent for permits. Sometimes these permits were given in writing, and sometimes they were verbal.

Mr. Higginson explained that he sometimes gave verbal permits, as the settlers could not always pay the cash deposit for a regular permit before they commenced cutting, and his object was to assist the settler. Settlers were allowed to clear their own land and sell the timber as they saw fit. H. J. Livingston deposed that he cut timber on Murphy's claim, on the Nickomeck river, on which was paid no crown dues. Duncan B. Grant testified that some 1,270,000 feet had been cut on what he believed to be government ground; 75,000 feet had been stacked in their yard (Grant and Ker's), and on none of this were government dues paid.

A FAKIR FROM INDIA.

How an Indian Juggler Produces a Bicycle From Beneath His Coat.

Arrayed in a gown of spotless white, his coal-black hair covered by a snowy turban with many folds, an Indian juggler, who calls himself the Nawab of Jellabad, has been startling the people of Paris nightly with a marvellous trick and then poking fun at them with his explanation of how simple it is to do. Not so simple a trick, perhaps, to the unskillful, but it is nothing else than the production of a bicycle from beneath that flowing cloak, where the greatest doubters in all the audience would have sworn no bicycle could have been concealed.

Most marvelous of all the details of this trick is the undoubted fact that what the juggler does he does unaided. His assistant companion, who he declares is the Rainee of Champaran—although the statement is contrary to the rite of suttee as practiced in India, for a Rainee is a queen widow—stands in the wings, if it is on a stage, or at one side, when in a private house, merely watching the performance and smiling at the wonder of the astonished auditors.

There is something about this exceedingly clever man which makes one respect him instanter. Tall, with that clear olive complexion which is characteristic of the high caste Indian, he bows to those before him in a fashion that is positively princely and makes one wonder whether he is really what he claims to be, a Nawab. The true Indian Nawab is a prince in all that the word implies, if he is not, in fact, more of a king. The chances are, however, that our gentleman of the olive skin is a juggler of more than usual brain, who shrewdly believes that the atmosphere of former royalty will give him the entree where the plain Indian juggler would fail of an audience.

After the magnificent bow comes the wonder. If any one who reads this has ever seen an Indian jugler arrayed in all the glory of his paraphernalia he has an idea of how preposterous the assertion seems when the necromancer, in very excellent French states to the audience that he proposes to cause to appear before them by magic a bicycle, complete in every detail. Not only, he says, will he cause this bicycle to appear, but will also ride upon it, and thus demonstrate the fact that it is no imaginary or "property" machine. It shall be equipped with pneumatic tires, he declares—in fact, just such a wheel as the ardent cyclist loves to own.

Inasmuch as it is manifestly impossible to carry a bicycle in one's pocket or under the arm without being seen, the onlookers puzzle their brains in vain to discover how on earth this seemingly remarkable man is going to carry out the promise he has made. They are not long in discovering that he means to perform exactly what he has promised. Suddenly there is thrown to him, by his assistant, a large sheet of ordinary muslin, folded. He unfolds this sheet in full view of them, bowing politely to those who are watching him, flings it over himself and disappears beneath the muslin cloud.

The disappearance is, of course, only so far as the view of the juggler unobscured is concerned. Beneath the muslin he remains, but the muslin is in plain sight of everyone and too far from anything to permit even the suggestion of aid from an outside source. The cloth undulates like the tall grass on a rolling prairie when the wind is blowing in stiff fish fashion. There are regular billows of cloth. Then here and there appears a suggestion of some object. All at once the muslin shows the distinct outline of a wheel. Then the excitement does become intense. "Why, the man is really going to do it," is heard on all sides.

The cloth moves more violently. A click, click sounds clear and distinct from under the muslin. Then the cloth shakes vigorously. Suddenly it rises as if impelled by a dozen hands and almost simultaneously with that rising there darts from beneath it the figure of a juggler, riding a silver-mounted wheel, upon which he makes the circuit of the stage several times. Then he alights as deftly as the greatest of trick riders and bowing to the audience says, "Mesdames et messieurs, s'il vous plait."

It is done. The juggler has kept his word to the letter. And now for the explanation. The Nawab smiles in his most charming Indian fashion as he tells those who are about him that what he has done is the simplest thing in the world if only it is understood.

"Any one could do it, I am sure," he says. Could they? Let us see. This is the explanation, condensed from the elaborate fabric of language which the Indian juggler rears for the enlightenment of those who have watched him. In a word, the secret is that the bicycle, all in pieces, is hung about his body beneath the cloak. It seems as if it would be a difficult task to do that so that there would be no knobby projection, but the Indian is a clever man.

To begin with, the rubber tires are allowed to empty themselves of air, and are then coiled about the man's waist. Each of the spokes folds in three pieces, and thus condensed about the hub of the wheel, the whole hangs down towards the man's heels like the big pendulum of a clock. Aluminum is the metal of which the wheel and the rest of the machine is constructed, as largely as possible, and of course this makes the hub and spokes much lighter than would otherwise be the case. This part of the wheel is secured to the juggler in such a manner that although it hangs down, it will not oscillate so violently as to become visible, or to give evidence of its presence beneath the folds of the cloak.

The handle bars are fastened about the waist. The frame of the machine is in five pieces, but fits together with snap-locks that make it as firm as if it were all cast in one piece. The chain is wound around his legs, and the sprockets are attached to the same limb. The saddle is carried over the breast. As this is divided so that it spreads out it enables the juggler to wear it without danger of having the presence thereof revealed.

With all this upon him, weighing perhaps altogether eighteen pounds, the juggler has appeared before those who have come to see the wonder he has promised. The folds of his cloak so thoroughly conceal the dismantled bike that there is not the slightest evidence of its presence. The usual explanation is made and then comes the enveloping with the sheet. Instantly the sheet covers him, the juggler loosens from about him the sections of the bicycle that makes a complete whole. First of all he arranges the frame. Then the two wheels are quickly turned into proper shape. Following this he blows air into the rubber tires and adjusts them. Then comes the gearing, the adjustment of saddle and handle bars, and lo, the wheel is complete and ready for use. Then the juggler dextrously flings the sheet from him and at the same moment mounts the wheel. The rest has been told.

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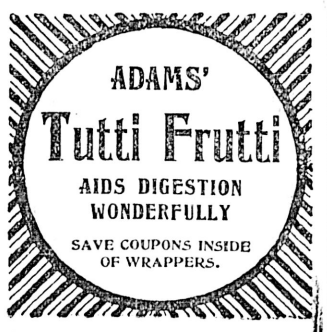

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The most notable thing about the Governor-General's speech at the opening of parliament yesterday was the absence of any reference to railway construction in the Northwest or British Columbia, although an announcement is made of the completion of arrangements for the running of the Intercolonial direct to Montreal, and for the perfecting of plans for the completion of the Ontario canal system by 1898. We do not understand from this that there will be no legislation affecting railway construction in this Province, but that the whole question is an open one. The omission of any declaration on this point from the Speech bears out the position taken in the COLONIST some time ago, o the effect that notwithstanding all that has been said, the last word has not been spoken in regard to aid to railways in this Province.

The measures referred to in the Speech, while important, are along lines that were anticipated. The reference to the tariff is very non-committal, and may mean anything. The restoration of the control of the franchise to the provincial legislatures was one of the changes promised by the Liberals when in opposition, and will have no noticeable effect upon the electorate. The announcement of the perfection of free storage arrangements on the trans-Atlantic steamers, on railways and at terminal points, is the first step towards the enlargement of Canadian trade with Great Britain. The determination to submit prohibition to the people by a plebiscite is probably one of those things which the Ministry would rather have left unsaid. The other matters referred to in the Speech call for no special comment. On the whole the Speech, while avoiding all reference to the subject which has been more discussed than any other during the last few months, presents an important programme for the session, which may be rendered more important when the "other measures" referred to in the last paragraph are brought down.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MINISTERS.

The Times speaks of Dr. Walkem having "uncovered a few weak spots in the government and thus brought them to the light of day." The reference is to the travelling expenses of the provincial ministers, a statement of which was brought down in answer to his motion. Seeing that everything which Dr. Walkem "uncovered" has been "open to the light of day" for months and some of it for years, seeing that everything contained in the return had already been presented in the public accounts and that there is not so much as the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i" in regard to these travelling expenses that the public could not have known all about by simply looking into the public accounts, we are very much at a loss to know wherein consists Dr. Walkem's achievement. There are a few members of the house who are either too indolent or too perverse to look in the sessional papers for information which they think they want, and so they lumber up the motion paper with notices, consume the time of the house with speeches, put needless labor upon the departments in getting up returns and put the Province to unnecessary expense in printing what has been printed once already at the public expense and explained over and over again.

But the Times goes further. It says the travelling expenses are excessive, and very thinly veils an insinuation that the charges are dishonest. It wants the items of the "$10 a day for 90 days" received by the Attorney-General while on his trip to England. If the Times were not as ignorant as it is malicious, it would know that this charge is an "item" of itself, and that no auditor nor anyone else has a right to go beyond it. The amount is fixed by the law of the Province. In regard to the allegations of extravagance, the Times ought to be more explicit. What does it wish? Does it think that when a Minister of this Province goes East he should travel in an emigrant car and carry a cold lunch in his pocket? Does it think he should cross the Atlantic in the steerage and live in London at a cheap lodging-house? Let us have some definition of what the Opposition organ regards as a becoming way for a minister to go about the country. We acquit Dr. Walkem at once of any sympathy with the sort of criticism which the Times indulges in. We believe him to have a better appreciation of what is due to the Province by its representatives when abroad to expect them to travel in a style that would not be considered becoming by the advance agent of a cheap vaudeville show. We believe Dr. Walkem, and not only he, but the leaders and members of the Opposition, are above the meanness which characterizes the editorial in the Times, and that they will, if the opportunity ever comes for them to go abroad as representatives of the Province, travel as becomes gentlemen.

ORIENTAL LABOR.

The legislature treated the anti-Chinese question on the lines suggested in the COLONIST yesterday and, by the adoption of Mr. Adams' bill, as amended by Mr. Helmcken, has squarely raised an issue on the constitutional right of the Province to pass any such legislation. There is a distinction between this measure and the act relating to the employment of Chinese in coal mines, which was held by the Supreme Court of this Province to be intra vires. Here we have a law which proposes that hereinafter in British Columbia no person being a native of Japan and no child of Chinese parents, whether such person is or is not a British subject shall be in any way employed in connection with enterprises hereafter authorized by legislative enactment. The provision is very sweeping. We do not believe that it will at all seriously affect any of the companies to which it applies, and as its passage will in no sense jeopardize the organization of companies, in case it shall be disallowed when it comes before the Governor-General, it cannot do any harm, and it will do good either by leading to the determination of the constitutional question or by compelling the Dominion government to define its position on this subject. We think it may be conceded that a majority of the people of this Province favor the principle of this restrictive legislation, and this being the case it is very desirable that the authority of the legislature to enact it should be determined at the earliest opportunity. In the coal mine case the restricted application of the principle will be further adjudicated upon. If it shall be held that this law is invalid, the general bill, which the house passed yesterday, will fall to the ground. If it shall be held that the coal mine law is valid, there will still remain the open question whether a general law like Mr. Adams' bill is within the powers of parliament. This is a matter of such very great importance that if the Governor-General shall be advised to leave the law to its operation, the constitutional question involved which affects indirectly at least the treaty rights of Chinese and Japanese under the British flag and the effect of the naturalization laws, will probably come under the consideration of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. We may expect to hear of a protest from the Japanese government against the passage of this law. Indeed the house by passing Mr. Adams' bill has brought up squarely for settlement a very difficult question and it is as well that it should be decided now as at any time. If this Province has the constitutional right to pass such a law the sooner it is known the better, for there is very little question about the majority of the voters desiring it.

We know that exception will be taken to the use of the word "constitutional" in this connection, but it is used advisedly and with full knowledge of the provision of the British North America Act, which vests the control of property and civil rights in the local legislature and of the "omnipotence" claimed for those legislatures within the scope of the powers assigned to them by that act. A Lord Chancellor once said that parliament could "do everything except make a man a woman," but until this doctrine has been held expressly to apply to colonies we shall regard the right of provincial legislature to curtail the civil rights of British subjects except by uniform laws as open to question. For example, we are not prepared to admit it to be constitutional for a colony to pass a law declaring that no native of the United Kingdom shall hold property in a colony. We are not using the word "constitutional" in the sense of legislation being contrary to the British North America Act, but as being unwarranted by the colonial relation, by the unwritten law on which the whole Empire rests. We believe the question to be a new one.

TOLL ROADS.

A proposition has been made in the mining districts to the effect that the legislature ought to authorize the construction of toll roads by private individuals. It is not suggested that main highways should be built in this way; but that where a number of persons desire a by-road, and are willing to pay something for the sake of having it, they should be permitted to do so. There are some things to be said in favor of this, provided the matter is not made compulsory and the public interests are properly safeguarded. What we mean by it not being compulsory is that no toll road should be authorized except on petition of those directly interested. Of course to a certain extent everybody is interested in every road, but let us suppose that there is a public highway from A to B, and that at C, a point midway between the two termini and some distance from the highway, is a group of mining claims, whose owners want a means of getting freight in from the highway. If these owners petition for a toll road it might be well if the law authorized the government to grant the necessary permission, much after the same manner as public ferries are now established, that is, after advertisement for tenders. Such concessions would necessarily be surrounded by certain conditions as to the time of their duration, the terms on which the road should be acquired by the Province, and so on.

There is very naturally in this country a strong antipathy to toll roads, and we should be disposed to oppose very strenuously any proposition looking to the construction of public toll roads. The class of roads to which reference is made above can hardly be called public. For example, a case has lately arisen where a piece of road is very much needed for the accommodation of a group of mines. A company owning one of the mines has asked the owners of the others to join in making the road, but they have replied that while not ready to put any money into a road, they will gladly pay toll to the company if it will build the road. The company is ready to do this, but has no legal authority to do so. It is obvious that no provincial government could undertake to build roads to every group of mining claims. In the first place the cost would be enormous. In the second place, it would be next to impossible to choose between the great number of equally meritorious demands that would be made for assistance of this character. In the third place, many of the mines requiring roads are yet in an experimental stage, and the government would hardly be warranted in expending public money in such cases. These are some of the considerations which are urged by those who favor the passage of legislation to authorize toll roads, and it will be conceded that they possess much weight. The matter is one coming home more directly to the mining communities than to other parts of the province, and we fancy that the government and the house would be governed very largely by what is the wish of the miners.

THE Westminster Columbian discusses the responsibility of the government for legislation and is of the opinion that a government must be held responsible for all acts and that the passage of a bill, to which ministers are opposed, must be considered as a vote of want of confidence. Our contemporary's position is not borne out by British precedents. Sir Robert Peel on two occasions declared in his place in the house of commons quite the contrary to be the rule. Lord John Russel declared that even a failure of the government to carry its own measures does not imply a loss of the confidence of the house. Todd lays down the rule that it rests with the government to say whether or not any other vote than one of censure or of distinct want of confidence shall be regarded as calling for its resignation. The government may elect to treat any motion whatever as involving a question of confidence. The regular way of doing this is for some one representing the ministry to declare before the vote is taken that it will be so regarded. There are numerous cases where the government has been defeated on important public measures and yet retained office, and others where bills opposed by the ministry have been passed by the house of commons, and the vote has not been treated as implying a loss of the confidence of the house. The practice is, where the house declares in favor of a bill to which the ministers are opposed, for the ministry to yield and assist in perfecting the bill. This was the case in regard to the Factories Bill of 1844, for example, where the ministry opposed three distinct votes in which the principle was involved and yet ultimately accepted the measure, as Sir James Graham, Home Secretary, said, "in deference to the deliberate expression of the opinion of the house." In view of the great number of precedents of record it may be safely affirmed that the position taken by the Columbian, though plausible, is not warranted by the practice of parliament.

"LET British Columbia construct her own railways," says the Chatham, Ontario, Banner; "they concern us only indirectly." All right. Let parliament vote to British Columbia annually that portion of the revenue paid by this Province, spent for purposes "which concern us only indirectly," and British Columbia will build all the railways he needs, and not ask the Dominion fo a dollar more.

THE Times finds fault with the position of the COLONIST as to anti-Chinese legislation, and yet its friends i the house adopted that very positio. It was the only position which any man honestly in favor of such legilation could logically take, and the wholehouse saw it at once.

THOSE persons who thought M. Kennedy's bill would entail no expense to the insured will be interested p know that the Montreal Insurance Chronicle took occasion to point out a few days ago that all additional charge placed upon insurance companies wer paid by the insured.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

EASTERN DRIVEL

Painful it is, even disgusting, to read column after column of the rivel which appears in the Eastern papes in connection with the question of railway construction here. Many, a very large majority, of those who air their views thereon are as ignorant of the situation and the existing conditions as s a new born babe. If they would only prepare themselves for an intelligent discussion of the matter by hunting up statistics, data and facts regarding the trade of British Columbia, and the sum each person has been obliged to contribute to the Federal treasury in the past, something sensible as well as truthful, night be expected from them. They are writing rank nonsense at present and do not know it, unfortunately.—Vancouver World.

THE GROWTH OF THE EMPIRE.

Some statistics gathered by Sir Julius Vogel show that since 1840 the British Empire has increased in population from 112,100,000 to 306312,000, while the yearly value of its "foreign" commerce has grown from £49,050,000 to £483,945,000. Compared with that record, the much vaunted development of other nations becomes picayune.—Montreal Gazette.

AGAINST A SUBSIDY.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company having officially announced its intention to build the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and further expressed the opinion that when built it will be a paying road, the necessity for government aid, in the form of bonus or otherwise, becomes very feeble, if it does not disappear altogether. Public opinion would scarcely sustain the government in extending aid under the circumstances.—Montary Times.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Wallace—Why is it you always bet on the wrong horse? Hargreaves—It is so much easier to do.—Cincinnatti Enquirer.

Dora—He said there was one thing about me he didn't like. Cora—What was that? "Another man's arm." — Detroit Free Press.

Dakota Lawyer—What cause for divorce do you wish me to allege madame? Client—I leave that entirely to you, sir.—New York Town Topics.

"She married to spite somebody, I believe." "Whom—do you know?" "I don't know, but it looks as if it was her husband."—Harlem Life.

"Nice dog! Have you taught him any tricks since I was here last?" "Oh, yes; he will fetch your hat if you whistle," said she sweetly.—Dublin World.

First Little Girl—And isn't your cat afraid of mice? Second Little Girl—Oh, no; not a single bit. First Little Girl—That's queer. And she's a lady cat, too, isn't she?—London Tit-Bits.

The Wife—Doctor, can you do anything for my husband? The Doctor—What seems to be the trouble? "Worrying about money." "Oh, I can relieve him of that all right."—Yonkers Statesman.

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S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

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Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's office, No. 48 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on Thursday, 8th April, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider, and if approved, ratify the action of the directors in the sale of the property of the said Company, and to authorize the execution of sufficient deeds of conveyance.

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A GENERAL meeting of the Jubilee hospital board will be held at Messrs. Yates & Jay's office on the 29th inst., at 8 p.m.

OWING to the wind the Victoria College and the Comus team football game arranged to take place on Beacon Hill was postponed.

THE Arion club contemplate a trip to Vancouver next month. They will probably sing in the Terminal City on the evening of April 24.

THE seventh monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club, for both lady and gentleman members, will be played to-day and to-morrow.

MRS. A. GARLAND died yesterday at the family residence, 165 Douglas street. She had been suffering for a long time. The funeral is arranged for Sunday afternoon.

GENERAL ROBERTS, the U. S. Consul, has in his possession treasury warrants addressed to Augusta Comarella and Martha Ruelland, who are requested to call for them.

MISS NINA BACKUS, aged 19 years, died at the family residence, on John street, Wednesday evening, after a short sickness. The deceased was a great favorite amongst her associates.

DR. MARY MCNEILL read a very entertaining paper on "Temperance and Health," before the W.C.T.U., and that society's regular meeting in the Temperance hall yesterday afternoon. The attendance was small, owing to the extremely high wind.

AN innovation in these days of million-dollar-capital-companies is the notice given by the Dominion Developing and Mining Company in the last issue of the Gazette to the effect that they will propose to reduce their capital from $500,000 to $22,500.

THE ladies of the Centennial Methodist church are preparing to give their friends and neighbors an interesting entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Frank Adams, Gorge road. There will be a good programme and refreshments. The date has been fixed for Tuesday, April 6.

PLAINTIFFS in Kilbourne v. McGuigan have asked leave to appeal from the Full court to the Privy council. The case involves the ownership of the ground on which the American Boy mineral claim is situated, and a short time ago the Full court refused leave to plaintiffs to bring suit.

MRS. MARY ANN WILLIAMS, a native of Cornwall, Eng., where she was born 65 years ago, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter at Duncan, after an illness of some weeks. The remains will be brought in by this morning's train, and the interment will take place to-morrow at Ross Bay cemetery—services being also held at Christ Church cathedral.

MR. H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, M.P.P., supported by Mrs. McMicking, president of the society, occupied the chair at last evening's Y.W.C.A. concert. There was not an especially large attendance, but this in no way reflected on the programme provided, which was as follows: Instrumental duet, the Misses Frank; song, Mr. Thomas; vocal solo, Miss Lugrin; reading, Rev. Archdeacon Scriven; selections, Mr. Holland; vocal duet, the Misses Lugrin; song, Mrs. Janion; song, Mr. Laundy; and song, Miss Sharp.

A DELEGATION from the Trades and Labor Council, composed of James Tagg, (president), C. R. Monck, A. G. Hay, W. E. Ditchburn and William McKay, waited on Mr. A. F. Jury, the Dominion emigration agent now visiting Victoria, at the Driard last evening and discussed with him immigration matters. They impressed upon him the evil effects of indiscriminate immigration and arranged with him for a public meeting to be held in the Sir William Wallace hall this evening. Mr. Jury will address the meeting, and among others who will be heard will be Mr. Forster, M.P.P.

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HOCKEY club members are requested to obtain sticks in good time for the opening game to-morrow.

THE following passengers were ticketed to sail on the steamship Queen for San Francisco last evening: Mrs. Ida Welville, C. Grant Roles. C. F. Haas and H. Wicker.

R. B. KER, solicitor of New Denver, gives notice in yesterday's Gazette that application will be made to the local house at its present session for an act to incorporate a company to generate electricity for the benefit of the town of Silverton.

MR. EDWARD MOHUN, C.E., has received the Gzowski silver medal, awarded him several months ago for the best paper read before the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. This is the first honor of the kind to come to a Pacific Coast engineer. The subject of Mr. Mohun's paper was "The sewerage system of Victoria," which he planned, being successful in this against a number of competitors.

TO-MORROW the senior team of the Victoria Wanderers will play their first game of the season with the Nanaimo Rangers at the Caledonia park. The grounds have been specially prepared for this match, and the team defending the laurels of the champions will be: Goal, W. Wriglesworth; full backs, H. Pettigrew and H. A. Goward; half backs, A. Reid, A. Johnston and P. Falconer; forwards, F. Peden, A. T. Goward, L. Campbell, J. Dakers (captain) and R. Livingston. The team will play in blue pants and white shirts.

AN inquiry into the death of Frank La Rochelle, whose body was found in the harbor on Wednesday afternoon, was opened by Coroner Crompton yesterday afternoon and some evidence was heard relative to the last movements of the deceased. His going from the Oriental to the Delmonico, and his borrowing money from his partner, Geo. Lasker, in the latter house were referred to, but the facts were not given in detail sufficient to justify the jury in arriving at a verdict in the matter. There was no one found who could identify the body, and as his friend, Lasker, is now in Lytton, the inquest was postponed for two weeks so that his evidence and that of others now out of town could be obtained. The police do not suspect any foul play in the case, but have never been satisfied with the information at their disposal relative to the disappearance of the deceased. Consequently they are well satisfied with the proceedings of the inquest. The remains of the unfortunate young man will be shipped to Lilooet for burial, in accordance with the request of his father, as expressed in a wire to Mr. A. W. Smith, M.P.P., yesterday.

PHENOMENA OF PLANT LIFE.

Something About the Recent Interesting Lecture By the Rector of St. John's.

In Rev. Mr. Jenn's recent interesting lecture on "Remarkable Phenomena in the Plant World," the first question dealt with was how do plants arrest the waves of light and warmth from the sun —the root of all energy? And to unfold this the four elements that make up the atmosphere—oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and carbon—had to be touched upon and experiments given to show how oxygen could be brought out of red oxide of mercury, hydrogen by means of granulated zinc and sulphuric acid from water, and so forth—and then the lecturer harked back and stated that it was the little mouths on each leaf (there being a million on one of the size of the hand) which drew in the air, keeping the carbon but sending back the oxygen, just the opposite to what is done by living beings. It was chlorophil which held the carbon, of which, with hydrogen, was bred the starch, the marrow of the plant's sap.

The next question that arose was as to how trees could thrive at a height of 200 feet above the ground and which was answered by the physical rule that darker, thicker liquids such as the sap had a loadstone power over lighter ones. The opening and shutting of the feeling plants such as the Mimosa and others such as the Catchfly one found at Shawnigan lake by Mr. Ashdown Green, was then gone into and set down by the lecturer to a mechanical working.

The last point to claim the field was whether the clinging of the tendrils of climbing plants, having hooks as the blackberry, or curling round as the scarlet runner or those that raise themselves hand over hand like creepers, was also mechanical, and the lecturer took the view that it was, the explanation being given was the feelers growth was stunted by the harder substance and the underside thus thrown open to the sun shot forth and twisted round.

With an experiment whereby potassium (a metal found by Sir Humphrey Davy to be found in soda) floated on water making a bright light and sucking up the oxygen as the metal eddied round until nothing but caustic potash was left at the bottom, wound up the evening's entertainment on the 23rd.

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A SOLDIER'S BRIDE.

Stalwart Salvationists Fire a Volley at the Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend.

Adjutants Phillips and Clark Perform Their First Marriage Under the 1895 Act.

A "Hallelujah Wedding" was the attraction at the Salvation barracks last night, this being the first "happy event" solemnized under the amended marriage act—by which officers of the Salvation Army are given powers equal to those of ordained clergymen in so far as the celebration of marriages is concerned. As was to be expected the event was a drawing card, and the quarters of the corps were crowded.

The hall had been decorated for the occasion, and across the front of the platform an arch had been erected from which was suspended the inevitable bell, resplendent in white and gold. Under this the wedding party stood, with their friends grouped about them on the platform.

Jabez Townsend was the name of the happy man, and Annie Elizabeth Riley the lassie of his choice. Thomas Oliver sustained the quaking form of the groom, who appeared to appreciate the tender ministrations of his best man; while Miss Hattie Bull acted as bridesmaid. The whole party were placed at the front of the platform, facing the audience, a position warranted to add as much nervousness as possible to that naturally the lot of those principally concerned.

The ceremony was opened with prayer and praise, after which Adjutant Phillips read the Salvation Army charges—seven in number—to both parties. These charges, which inculcate the due and proper regard for the Salvation Army, its officers and their commands, occupied some little time in delivering, and were punctuated with the fitting and proper number of "Amen's" from the more earnest members of the Army.

Adjutant Clarke then read the marriage service proper, which varies very little from the old-fashioned version, except that it includes swearing of allegiance to the Salvation Army.

In the parlance of the Army, "a volley" greeted the happy couple, as soon as the officiating adjutant pronounced them one. To the lusty cheers of the rank and file, the "infantry" lent their piping treble in the form of a dismal wail. This, together with the booming of a bass drum, made a volume of sound fit to gladden the heart of the most inveterate street parading Salvationist in the house.

A prayer, followed with a song, was in turn followed with an address by the bride's mother, who is also one of the "lassies," and which, although quaintly humorous at times, nevertheless by the tears in the voice (as the French say) betrayed the mother's feelings at losing her daughter.

In order to keep his end of the plank up the best man was next to regale the ears of the multitude with the dolorous wailings of an accordeon—the entire Army joining in singing the chorus. This solo was to the accompaniment of the above-mentioned piping treble from the throats of the infantry in arms—which formed no inconsiderable part of the rank and file.

After the bride's father had added his version of the story, Adjutant Phillips exhorted all present to attend the grand wedding banquet—all for fifteen cents—which would be served in the adjoining room. The remarks of the Adjutant, contrary to all preconceived notions of discipline, were broken into by a running fire of jocose asides from the soldiers who occupied seats on the platform, one of which—"Wait till I tell Mrs. Phillips"—caused a general laugh at the expense of the Adjutant, who joined in the merriment at his own expense.

The bride and groom sang a duet of pious words set to music which seemed to be a mixture of "After the Ball" and "Two Little Girls in Blue," everybody joining in singing the chorus. Prayer and song closed the first part of the programme, and the crowd made their way to the adjoining room, where the banquet in all its glory was spread, for saint and sinner alike, who could ante fifteen cents.

That money is still plentiful in army circles is proved by the numbers who sat down to enjoy the feast with the bride and groom. The usual Salvation Army music was as a prelude, to part second of the entertainment, after which the good things were partaken of by the guests, and the health of the happy couple was drunk in deep bumpers of unadulterated Elk Lake water.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, March 25, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. R. W. Trotter.

Major Mutter presented a report from the printing committee recommending that certain papers already presented be printed. The report was read and received.

The railway committee presented a report stating that the preambles had been proved in the case of the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company, the Bedlington & Nelson Railway Company, and the Barkerville, Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway Company bills, and submitted the same with amendments. The report was received.

Mr. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Macpherson, for a return of correspondence regarding the employment of Mr. W. Ridgway Wilson to give an estimate on an extension required on the lunatic asylum building at New Westminster. Carried.

The house went into committee on Mr. Adams' bill prohibiting the employment of Chinese on works carried on under franchises granted by private acts.

Mr. Bryden objected to clause 1 on the ground that if the restriction was placed on one class of aliens there was nothing to prevent the bill being extended in coming years so as to apply to all aliens.

The section was carried.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Macpherson making it plain that the bill applied to acts passed during the present session, as well as those passed hereafter.

Mr. Sword was of opinion that the best way would be to put the anti-Chinese clause in each private bill separately this session, and only have this general act come into force next session.

Mr. Macpherson's amendment was, however, carried.

Mr. Williams then moved another amendment, to strike out the provision that the bill should apply to acts "for the amendment of a former act of like nature which has not already similar provisions." He thought this was carrying things too far, and the words he proposed to strike out savored too much of ex post facto legislation, for when people who had already obtained an act and only came to the house for some amendment that was not in the nature of a fresh privilege, it would not be fair to impose such a restriction.

The amendment was declared lost.

Mr. Rithet moved an amendment similar in effect to Mr. Williams' amendment, but it was lost.

On motion of Mr. Helmcken the bill was made to apply to Japanese as well as Chinese.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

Mr. Graham in moving the second reading of his Game Act Amendment bill said that when the Game Act was up for consideration last session it received but scant courtesy, amendments being inserted the full meaning of which was hardly appreciated. In former years settlers in unorganized sections were permitted to kill game for their own use and the use of their families, which practically restricted the killing to farmers or pre-emptors. Last year, however, the words "in unorganized sections," were struck out and the act consequently read "settlers can kill." The word settler is a very broad one, and would in fact include everyone coming to British Columbia to live. Therefore the only restriction now as to the killing of game is the prohibition of sale at certain seasons. The principal object aimed at by his bill was to reinsert the words struck out last year.

Hon. Mr. Eberts gave the bill his hearty support. The game of British Columbia attracted many wealthy people here for shooting purposes, and indirectly drew attention to British Columbia and her mineral resources. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent here directly as a result of the advantages which the province offered for hunting. If the game were destroyed we would lose a great deal of money that at present is annually spent here, and accordingly as a business proposition it was necessary to see that the game was sufficiently protected.

Hon. Mr. Martin also supported the bill and quite agreed with what the Attorney-General had said as to the business value of game to the province.

The second reading was carried.

Dr. Walkem closed the debate on his resolution, "That in the opinion of this house a tax upon mortgages is one which bears unduly upon different members of a community," and the vote being taken the resolution was carried on the following division:

For—Messrs. Semlin, Williams, Macpherson, Kennedy, Hume, Kidd, Sword, Graham, Mutter, Helmcken, Adams, Booth, Walkem, McGregor, Braden, Huff, Rogers, Baker, Pooley and Eberts—20.

Against—Messrs. Turner, Martin, Rithet and Stoddart—4.

The house went into committee on the water clauses consolidation bill, Dr. Walkem in the chair.

Section 117 was reached and the house then rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The house then adjourned.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Smith—In committee on the Farmers' Institute bill, to move that "No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed by any member of a Farmers' Institute formed under the provisions of this act, nor in the construction, operation and maintenance of any undertaking hereby authorized, under the penalty of $5 per day for each and every Chinese or Japanese person employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered upon complaint of any person under the provisions of the 'Summary Convictions Act, 1889,' and amending acts."

By Dr. Walkem—For a return of a copy of the report of the auditor of the books of the land registry office, Victoria.

By Mr. Hume—To add as a new section to the Lardeau Railway bill, "All the provisions of the British Columbia Railway Act except as barred by this act shall apply to the company."

By Mr. Hume—To add to the Lardeau Railway bill as a new section: "The Vancouver Island Telegraph Regulation act shall extend and apply to telegraph and telephone lines constructed under the authority of this act and shall be operative in relation thereto."

By Mr. McGregor—For copies of a resolution passed by the corporation of Nanaimo with reference to the question of the dismissal of J. H. Simpson, police and stipendiary magistrate; of the evidence taken at the police inquiry on the charge laid by Rev. D. A. McRae against Chief of Police Crossan and Constable Thompson; of the resolution passed by the Nanaimo police commissioners on Feb. 8, 1897; of the complaint of Craig Bros. and of W. Ross, of Nanaimo, with reference to the question of the practice of the Small Debts Act, and the answers from the judge of the Small Debts court.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The indisposition of members to discuss the anti-Chinese law was very notable. Is there another legislative body in the world where so radical a law—a law which Dr. Todd would describe as "of a constitutional nature"—would be allowed to pass with only a desultory discussion. Probably all the talk in the world would not have prevented its passage, and doubtless all the discussion possible would have only been a rethreshing of old straw; but it seemed a little odd just the same.

Dr. Walkem got his "mortgage tax" resolution through, and the legislature of British Columbia has gone on record as declaring that "a tax on mortgages is one that bears unduly upon different members of the community." Now will the Doctor kindly move another resolution declaring what this means and we will all be so much the wiser, for it may be affirmed without fear of contradiction that no mortal man except the Doctor can possibly know. If the resolution had said that the tax bears unduly upon mortgagors, it would have been intelligible. Just what does the word "different" mean as used in the resolution. Suppose we leave out the adverb. Then the resolution will read "bears upon different members of the community." But all taxes do this. Now suppose we leave out the word "different." Then it will read "bears unduly upon members of the community." That means something, and perhaps is what the resolution really intends.

Mr. Smith has a resolution to apply the anti-Chinese clause to the Farmers' Institutes. It is not always possible to tell whether the member for Lillooet is in fun or in earnest.

Mr. Graham was needlessly apprehensive of the fate of his game bill. The house was not disposed to make game of it this time. Really Mr. Graham's proposed legislation is on right lines, and it will doubtless pass.

THE ARGO MINES.

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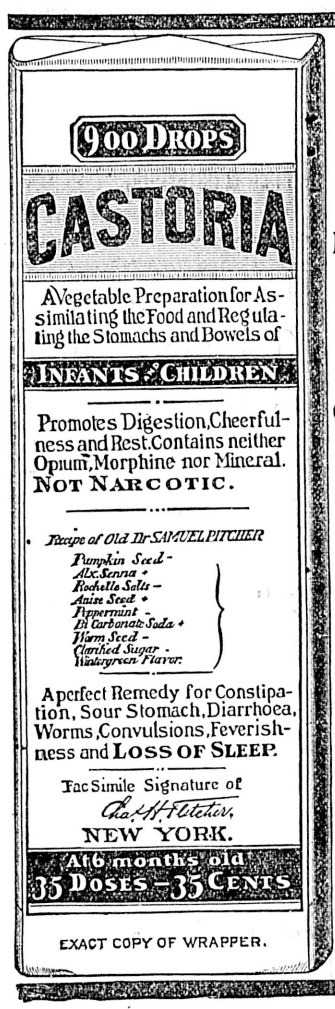

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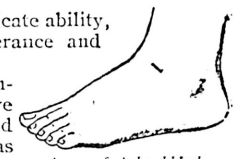

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The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders to be sent to the undersigned not later than 12 o'clock noon, the 30th day of March instant. E. M. JOHNSON,
27 Government St. cor. Broughton, Victoria.
Agent for the Mortgagee.
P.O. Address, Box 188, Victoria, B.C. mr19

Tenders for Carbons, Globes and Oil.

Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 4 o'clock of Monday, the 29th inst., for supply to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of

50,000 Copper Coated Carbons, 5/8x12.
30,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x12.
20,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x8,
2 Dozen Opal Globes.
18 Dozen Clear Arc Globes.
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All the above articles to be supplied and delivered in accordance with specifications and conditions, which may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

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W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.,
March 17th, 1897. mr18

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, the 29th day of March, for the purchase of the following property situate in Victoria District, being part of Oakland Estate, known as Lots 48 and 49, portions of Section 29, containing 6.03 acres. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to

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NOTICES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Kaye, Deceased Intestate

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Drake, bearing date the 20th day of March, 1897, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 20th day of April, A.D. 1897, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
mr21 Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its present sitting, for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines, and all necessary bridges, ferries and wharves, and to construct, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges; and also, for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the city of Victoria, British Columbia, this 9th day of March, 1897.

E. E. BILLINGHURST,
mr10 Agent for the Applicants.

FLAX CULTURE.

The Government having procured a supply of flax seed for the purpose of experimenting; those desirous of undertaking the work, and making the required returns, will be good enough to send in their names to the undersigned.

J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.
Department of Agriculture,
Victoria, March 18, 1897. mr19

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

11th March, 1897.

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

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January 2nd 1897. ja12

GEO. A. SARGISON,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

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FLOWERS AND VASES.

REMARKS BY ONE WHO ENJOYS MAKING BOUQUETS.

The Arrangement of Flowers—An Old Time Nosegay In a China Bowl—What to Do With Chrysanthemums—How Heliotrope Is Most Effective.

Although we of the present generation have learned something from the Japanese in the art of arranging flowers, we have mothers and aunts who still arrange parlor bouquets exactly as

ROCKWOOD AND JAPANESE PIECES.

did their granddames before them. These dear ladies can see little beauty in a bouquet limited to but one or two varieties of flowers. With respectful obeisance to the shade of a certain great aunt—a maiden lady with a tangled garden, but prim bouquets in her parlor—I confess that on occasions I do love to arrange an old time nosegay—principally roses of every color that in the garden grow—and I put it in an old china bowl.

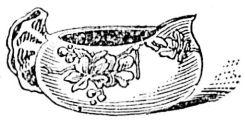
And then, sometimes on the polished top of an ancient "chist," I do love to see the reflection of a conventionally arranged mass of snowballs, lilacs, bleeding hearts, feathery "sparrow grass" and half yard lengths of ribbon grass.

There are some flowers that appear at their best intermingled with other varieties, notably our wild flowers, while most fruit blossoms and that pet of fashion and queen of blossoms, the chrysanthmum, one of the "eight princes in the floral kingdom of Nippon," should be given a vase or a bowl by itself.

Let each maid within the garden live up to her own light, yet allow me to obtrude certain simple arrangements that have proved satisfactory to a lover of bouquet making in the land of sunshine and flowers, southern California.

As clear glass detracts not at all from the beauty of fine flowers, I usually put my finest roses in undecorated, clear glass vases, in which also hyacinths and carnations look well, although for the hyacinths the water must be changed frequently. Heliotrope discolors the water. A mass of this delightful bloom is most effective in a plain brown jar, arranged sometimes with pink Duchess or with Marechal Niel roses. A Chinese ginger jar, unstripped of its wicker network, makes a quaint receptacle for wild flowers, for daisies and for red roses.

Pink roses are especially pretty in an old blue and white "chiney" pitcher or bowl. Marechal Niel and the other yellow roses are lovely in dark brown pottery; red roses in the same, and also in dull blue vases. As stiff flowers are best in vases with straight lines, lilies require severe, long necked vases. Shal-



VIOLET BOWL.
ROSE PITCHER. LILY VASE.

low glass bowls and dull odd bits of Japanese pottery are pretty for violets and pansies. Never put wild flowers in elaborate vases.

The foregoing sympathetic remarks on the arrangement of flowers are those of a writer in Demorest's Magazine, which also furnishes the graceful examples of vases. The writer concludes with this useful item: If one must practice economy in cut flowers, it should be remembered that diagonally cut stems retain the life giving sap of the flower longest. To freshen flowers, clip the stems diagonally, cover with a paper funnel and set in a cool place overnight. Do not crowd flowers into a vase. When they are unusually fine, arrange them loosely that their perfection may be apparent.

Fashion Echoes.

Small hats are taking the place of the picture hats.

The reign of the high osprey has decidedly come to an end, and its place is taken by quills and wings.

All the best tailor made gowns this year have what is called the plain skirt.

The colors best adapted for tailor made costumes are the browns, grays, dark blues and greens in their varying shades.

Braiding is a favorite trimming this season.

Simple bodices of chiffon or tulle are rendered things of beauty with gorgeous embroideries, fastened with diamonds, pearls and other jewels.

Traveling sets, including belt, bag and purse, are now made to match in all the fashionable leathers. These are light in weight and mounted in silver.

The wearing of gems has never in the history of this country been so widespread and extensive as at the present time.

VARIOUS NOTES.

New Materials, Gloves, Dress Bonnets, Household Linen, Etc.

There is a new material for winter capes which looks exactly like suede in grain and finish. This comes in all the suede colors—gray, beige, tan, mastic and the like. The capes made of this skin are lined with white kid or chamois. The fashion is likely to be a fugitive and exclusive one, as the skin is easily soiled and expensive.

Gloves of white, cream or ivory kid are still preferred to the darker ones, which are nevertheless more serviceable and more becoming.

For a dress bonnet for half mourning a small frame covered with steel and jet and trimmed with black ostrich tips and mauve flowers is permissible.

All household linen is much better hemmed by hand than by machine. It takes longer, but looks infinitely daintier and more refined. Napkins and tablecloths are best hemmed with a German hem, as it is called—that is, a hem which is made by folding the goods back where it meets the turned down fold of the hem and sewing the two together overhand instead of hem-

OUT OF DOOR COSTUME.

ming the fold down flat. The German hem is much more rapid and irons out so as to be almost invisible.

Why is it that so many housekeepers make a narrow hem at one end of the sheets and a wide one at the other? The sheets do not last nearly as long, for it is put on the bed the same way every time, and the wear comes all in one spot; whereas if a wide hem is made at each end it may be changed about at pleasure. Muslin is cheap, and two 3 inch hems can well be afforded.

If a cipher or initial is embroidered upon table linen, it should run diagonally across the corner of the napkin, so as to be on the outside when the napkin is folded. The lettering should be much larger for the tablecloth and should be in the middle, near one end, but far enough from the edge to lie flat upon the table.

The sketch shows a gown of flax blue grosgrain. The godet skirt is adorned with two bands of white guipure insertion arranged in vandykes. The figaro bodice, bordered with guipure, opens over a full chemisette of white surah. The collar and corselet are of old gold velvet. The close, mediæval sleeves have a puff at the top draped by a chou of old gold velvet. The throat and wrists have frills of white lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

JUVENILE FASHIONS.

Suggestions as to Styles and Materials For Plain and Party Dresses.

The fashions for small and large girls always follow those of maturity to a certain extent. The trimmings as well as the general form of grown up modes are imitated, and the sleeves are often identical with those worn by women, but the materials and adornments are not so rich, even in the most extravagant cases.

The sleeve now worn by little girls whose mammas like to make them the glass of fashion and the mold of form is exactly similar to those mammas' own sleeves—that is, it fits the arm closely up to the shoulder, where there is some sort of decoration to give a broad effect. Ruffles or plaitings forming a draping epaulet, butterfly drapery held in the middle by a strap or a button or a very large bow, so large as to make the trimming unnecessary, is the prevailing style. In velvet the bow is particularly liked, now

NEW SLEEVES.

that velvet is becoming fashionable as a trimming material, for it then matches the collar, belt, revers or plastron.

Very soft silks, washable, china and surah, are employed for the frocks of little girls from 4 to 6 years old. After the latter age wool goods and cloth are used, wool being in high favor now, and all sorts of out of door and visiting costumes for children are composed of these materials. For party dresses white or very light silks are employed and are trimmed with ruches and plaitings of gauze or large collars or revers of embroidery, lace or guipure. Robes of all over embroidery over silk are also much liked.

Costumes composed entirely of velvet are worn by children of all ages, chestnut, brown, beaver, green, dark blue and black being preferred. Many mothers like velveteen better than velvet for children, considering velvet too old and too rich a material. Velveteen has the same general effect, wears better and is more suitable because simpler.

Sketches are given of two very pretty new sleeves. The first, which is intended for a dinner gown, is of mauve and white taffeta and fits the arm closely. At the wrist it flares very much, forming two large points edged with plaited silk gauze of a pale mauve color. The very full epaulet consists of two plaitings of pale mauve silk gauze. The second is of gray and gold broche silk. The drapery at the top is lined with white satin and forms coquilles at the inside of the arm. The mediæval wrist is finished by two fans of old point lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

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THE THERMOMETER.

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1 a.m..	37	Mean 41	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	38		
9 a.m..	41	Highest 52	5 a.m.—12 N.W.
1 p.m.	53		1 p.m.—12 S.W.
5 p.m..	39	Lowest 37	9 p.m.—18 S.W.
9 p.m..	37.		Rain—.92 Cloudy. Sunshine—3h. 54m.

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E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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WILLIAMS—At Duncan, B.C., on the 24th inst., Mary Ann Williams, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 65 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, (Saturday) at 2:30 p.m., from Hayward's undertaking parlors, Government street, and at Christ Church Cathedral at 2:45 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

SEE BRADBURY FOR MONUMENTS

WHIST.

The Pacific Club Knock Out the Chess Champions for the First Time.

The Pacific club have found luck in odd numbers, for having been twice defeated by the Chess club at whist they last night made a great effort and wrested victory from the chess men by a score of 27 to 22. The score was:

PACIFIC CLUB.

A. G. McCandless	4
J. T. L. Meyer	
C. F. Todd	4
C. Hayward	
J. Earsman	3
J. E. Martin	
G. Hargreaves	6
F. A. Bennett	
J. Fannin	4
J. Hutcheson	
A. R. Johnston	3
J. P. Falls	
H. G. Wilson	3
G. Brown	
Total	27

CHESS CLUB.

T. H. Piper	3
A. S. Potts	
B. J. Perry	3
H. G. Dalby	
P. T. Johnston	2
P. D. Goepel	
Capt. Michell	5
Dr. Garesche	
W. B. Sylvester	4
C. Sylvester	
H. E. A. Robertson	3
B. Williams	
R. H. Johnston	2
P. D. Johnston	
Total	22

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PROVINCIAL PROGRESS.

Still Another Long List of Incorporated Companies Officially Announced.

The Development of Interior Mines Continues to Interest Outside Capital.

The British Columbia Gazette does not enjoy the reputation exactly of an interesting news publication, and yet there are few papers of the day that testify in more direct and pertinent terms to the rapid progress which British Columbia is making. Every week, for example, it contains from one to two hundred pages descriptive of how enterprising men propose in association to develop and make tributary to the general wealth of the country the mining sections of the province—and this week is no exception to the rule.

Of the companies of the week, whose combined capitalization aggregates $36,825,000, several have their head offices in this city, while others have been promoted and practically formed through the efforts of Victorians. Of the former one of the first to be mentioned is the Starmount Mining Co., of which the provisional trustees are H. W. Fergusson-Pollok, P. A. Paulson, A. W. Taylor and R. B. Punnett. It is capitalized at $500,000 in $1 shares, and will at once acquire and proceed to develop the well known Starmount and Deadwood Pet claims on the Galena Farm, from the first of which the company takes its name.

The British Pacific Gold Property Co. is another home association, the incorporators of which are A. J. McLellan, R. T. Williams and L. Goodacre. It is stocked at $5,000,000, in $1 shares, with general extensive powers.

Complete, the Gazette list for the week is as below:

Adams Mining Co., Sandon	$1,000,000
B.C. Stock Exchange of Rossland, Rossland	5,000
Boundary-Helen Gold Mining Co., Greenwood City	300,000
British American Mining Develop. Co., Spokane	1,000,000
British American Prospecting and Development Co., Toronto	3,000,000
British Pacific Gold Property Co., Victoria	5,000,000
Broken Three Gold Mining Co., Vancouver	400,000
Campbell Logging Co., Westminster	10,000
Cariboo Creek and Canadian Mining and Development Co., Rossland	2,000,000
Cliff Gold Mining Co., Vancouver	500,000
Confederation Mines Development Co., Toronto	2,500,000
Detroit Consolidated Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Early Bird Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Empress of India Mining Co., Westminster	1,000,000
Equitable Gold Mining & Development Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Fairmont Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Fennel Mining & Development Co., Westminster	1,000,000
Fern Gold Mining & Milling Co., Vancouver	200,000
Fisher Maiden Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., Spokane	1,000,000
Glasgow Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Great Hopes Mining Co., Spokane	500,000
Great West Gold and Silver Mining Co., Sandon	1,000,000
Kintyre Mining and Smelting Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Morning Mining Co., Sandon	1,000,000
Morning and Evening Gold and Silver Mining Co., Spokane	1,000,000
National Mining and Development Co., Rossland	650,000
Parish of St. Thomas, Chilliwack	
Pine Ridge Gold Mining and Milling Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Santa Clara Gold Mining Co., Spokane	1,200,000
Silver Bear Mining and Concentrating Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Slocan-Cariboo Mining and Development Co., Sandon	1,000,000
Starmount Mining Co., Victoria	500,000
Twin Silver Mining Co., Kaslo	1,000,000
Union Investment Co., Rossland	50,000
Victoria Mining Co., Sandon	1,000,000
White Grouse Copper Mining Co., Spokane	1,000,000
Yukon Mining, Trading & Transportation Co., Wilmington	10,000

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HATTERS' HOLIDAY.

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knocking him senseless on the stone steps for a few moments. Had it not been for the railing of the stairway breaking the blow to a considerable extent, Mr. Butler would have been very seriously injured—if not killed. The companion window was also loosened, but assistance was procured and it was propped into place, and the other sash also fitted in again and temporarily shored up. The glass, however, was shattered to pieces.

The scene in town reminded one forcibly of the sailor's congratulatory remarks to his companion during the storm, when he said:

"Lor' bless me how I pity them unhappy folks ashore now.

"While you and I, Jack, on the deck are comfortably lying.

"My eyes, wot tiles and chimbley pots about their heads is flying."

Fences fell on all sides, five of them alone being counted between Dallas road and Niagara street on Menzies. There were more of them up Vancouver street, Scoresby street, the upper and of Pandora street, out towards Victoria West, or wherever one went—broken fences or shattered windows everywhere. The skylight in the Jewell block collapsed with a smash on the floor beneath; the iron railing that used to ornament the top of the Vernon block is now a wreck, and in its fall part of it demolished the sign in front of Short's gun store and drove it through the plate glass window.

At Spencer's Arcade one of the small plate glass lights above the main pane collapsed and played the mischief with the millinery displayed so prettily within. The whole window had to be cleared out as quickly as a ladies' boarding school class would disappear on the advent of a mouse.

The C.P.R. ticket office at the corner of Government and Fort had an exactly similar accident to a window, though Mr. Courtney stood his ground as bravely as King George withstands the blustering Turk.

Even the messenger service sign got a move on it and came tumbling down as speedily as any one of the messengers would skip along when the dinner hour strikes.

A slight accident happened on the E. & N. railway as a freight train drawn by No. 5 locomotive was passing Goldstream on the way in, late in the afternoon. A tree, dislodged by the heavy wind, fell over on the caboose and knocked the top off it, but injured no one, and did not result in any other damage, the train only being delayed a short time through the mishap.

Passengers arriving by the Charmer report a very unpleasant and rough trip from Vancouver, as one could well imagine who saw the angry waves of the Straits tossing their white heads upward.

With all the other troubles on hand, the telegraph wires were down, too, early in the afternoon and the roads in the district are bound to have trees lying across them in all directions, judging by the experience right in town.

It would seem that some special troubles were at work yesterday on this much-tried world, for besides the wind storm there were three distinct shocks of earthquake felt at five o'clock, and outside places may have suffered much more severely than has Victoria.

But owing to the telegraph wires being down there is no knowing what has been going on on the Mainland or further up and down the Coast.

With a yell of glee like that of a mischievous small boy the wind tore up nearly sixty yards of sidewalk on Douglas street near Queen's avenue, and tossed it up-side down as neatly as a pancake—landed in the middle of the street.

During the severest part of the storm the tin roof on Erskine, Wall & Co.'s warehouse, behind their main store on Government street, was lifted off, but energetic efforts on the part of the employes of the firm secured the roof from being carried away altogether, and in a little while all was safe again.

The storm began at 2:15 p.m., and three quarters of an hour later the wind was scudding away at 72 miles an hour for the southwest. Then it began to moderate to 60 miles an hour, and at 7 o'clock had abated to a moderate breeze. To a certain extent a very heavy wind was expected yesterday, as it had been predicted by the Coast weather bureau.

Every old "salt" on the water front had something to say on the storm, either in making comparisons of its force or connecting with it some little reminiscent incident. On one point, however, all appeared to agree, and that was that the afternoon blow was the hardest felt here for years. In the forenoon the wind blew forty miles an hour from the south out at the Cape. Shortly after the "glass" took a sudden "drop," and then seafaring men began to look for something nearer home. The something came as expected, but a little stronger. Few craft were moving about when the storm came as most of them had made snug at their wharves and mooring grounds.

The Evangel, which never misses a trip on account of the weather, came through the thickest of the battle with probably the most exciting experience of any arrival. She had a list to port given her to hold her quarter down to the wind, but this only proved advantageous at times as the wind would haul around in every direction. When near port an unexpected and very sudden meeting with the tug Lorn, which had the ship Northbrook in tow from the Royal Roads for the Sound, came very near ending disastrously. It was close enough for the captain of both vessels to compliment one another on their narrow escape.

The Queen was unusually late in getting in from the Sound, having been delayed by the gale. At her regular sailing hour for San Francisco she was anchored in Royal Roads. The Princess Louise did not get in from Westminster till 11, being detained at Plumper Pass several hours, owing to the storm. The Mexico expected in from the Sound from Alaska early in the evening was unable to leave Port Townsend till 9 o'clock. No doubt there will be quite a crop of mishaps to record to-day when more news comes in from outside.

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HE WAS "IN ON IT."

Full Court Decides That Wells Has a Half Interest in the "Monitor No. 2."

The Full court following out the principle that decisions in mining cases should be given as promptly as possible, yesterday handed down judgment in the appeal of Wells v. Petty, upon which argument was concluded a day or two ago. This is the case in which the appeal was to decide what was meant by the expression used by the defendant, when he told the plaintiff in regard to a prospecting trip which resulted in the location of the Monitor No. 2, near Three Forks, "that if I find anything you will be in on it."

In his judgment yesterday the Chief Justice said in part:

"A number of witnesses were called at the trial on both sides to give their opinions as miners or experts as to the meaning or measure of the expression 'you will be in on it.' Some of these witnesses thought the expression could only be satisfied with an equal partnership; others again considered that the expression would be covered by a smaller interest, but all agreed that the words pointed to an interest to some extent in the mine. I think, however, that quite independently of the opinion of witnesses the Court is bound to place a construction on these words.

"It is not as if the expression were of technical significance or a term of art. In that case, of course, the evidence of experts would be requisite. It is clear and it is admitted on all sides that 'to be in on it' means an interest of some measure or another, and it seems to me that the well known maxim 'equality is equity' supplies that measure, when as in this case, there is no evidence showing that less than an equal share was stipulated for or intended.

"I think, therefore, that judgment should be given decreeing plaintiff entitled to an equal half interest with the defendant in the Monitor No. 2 and to an equal share with him in the extension as to which a half interest has been acquired. There will be the usual account of the workings of the mine and division of net proceeds, if any, and if so desired by either party, a sale of the property. In the meantime, there will be a receiver and injunction if required. The appealant will be entitled to his costs in the court below and of the appeal, which will not include the costs of more than one argument."

Mr. Justice McCreight in his judgment agreed with the view taken by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Drake also concurred.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

On Wednesday afternoon the O. R. & N. steamship Monmouthshire, with freight and passengers for Victoria, arrived at Portland after one of the stormiest passages she has ever had across the Pacific. As soon as her Portland business is disposed of the ship will come on to Victoria.

Steamer Maude, Capt. Foot, leaves Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf for Texada, Phillips Arm and way ports, this evening at 7 o'clock.

Some thirty passengers were booked on the outgoing Empress of India.

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" Queen	"	" "
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" City of Kingston	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" Lorne	"	" "
" Queen	"	San Francisco.
" Princess Louise	"	N. Westminster.
" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.

PERSONAL.

F. Cope, formerly mayor of Vancouver, is in town.

J. B. Lovell came over from the Mainland last night.

W. A. Ward returned home by the Charmer last night.

Flitcroft Evans, official stenographer at Vancouver, was a passenger arriving by the Charmer last night.

P. Golden and Wm. Golden, who are making arrangements to open up a store at Sandon, are staying at the Dominion.

J. F. Robinson, representing the Gleaner, of Cannington, and the News-Letter, of Berlin, Ontario, is in town, having come to the Coast for a short visit.

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CONCERNING CRETE.

A Question for Mr. Curzon—Marquis Salisbury to Confer With M. Hanotaux.

LONDON, March 25.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt's attack of influenza will prevent his participating in the forthcoming debate on the foreign office estimates, when the Cretan matter is likely to be discussed.

The Hon. Geo. N. Curzon, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, will be questioned to-day (Thursday) on the fate of the English and American vessels carrying cargoes for Crete.

The Times says that Lord Salisbury will start for the Riveria to-day. He is expected to break his journey at Paris, for an interview with M. Hanotaux, on the Cretan question.

Realism Wanted.

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Town of Donald, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1897.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
23rd March, 1897. mr26

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
20th March, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the authority conferred by Section 7 of an Act to amend "An Act to provide an Official Stenographer for the Supreme and County Courts," His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following rule:—

"An Official Stenographer shall attend the sittings of the Supreme Court to be held at the City of Nelson, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1897, and in respect of all cases set down for or heard at such sittings the provisions of the 'Stenographer's Act, shall apply, and are hereby extended for the purpose of such sittings to trials and proceedings held or to be held at the City of Nelson.

JAMES BAKER,
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